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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

November 27, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION;

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute

Specification.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please replace the abstract with the attached new Abstract.